

HOLIDAY HUNT WHITETAIL DEER MUZZLELOADER SEASON

The current muzzleloader season occurs immediately following the deer gun season. This schedule causes less participation as many people are not able to take vacation or time off from their employment for two consecutive weeks. This would also allow for less consecutive hunting pressure resulting in a potential increase in deer harvest.

This change should also fit into the CWD harvest programs and should benefit state economics by increasing the opportunity for more people to enjoy muzzleloading when they have more time available.

The dates could also continue as they have in the past holiday gun season. Bowhunting season would continue as it has in the past, and would not be affected.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Richland County on April 8, 2013 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to designate a holiday hunt whitetail deer muzzleloader season.

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